

OPS presser readout - FYI

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Has also been shared with PMO.

Missed a bit while I was on a quick call, but here's what I have in terms of notes:

- Protestors swarmed officers yesterday when they tried to arrest someone. Only minor injuries reported to officers
 - Public order team had to be brought in to make arrest
- Ottawa and Ohio police charged an individual who was calling in fake threats
- Estimated 25% of the 418 trucks have children living in them. OPS is concerned and working with the Children's Aid Society
- Protestors are carrying water in gas cans and removing tires to further stymie police response
- Looking to other municipalities for potential tow trucks
- Working to figure out how to disrupt the larger fuel supply at Coventry
- Mackenzie Gray brought up OPS not actually enforcing prohibitions on gas cans into the red zone, etc
 - OPS says additional officers will help interdiction of fuel
- Media q on arson – what happened?
 - Investigative teams are working, images shared with law enforcement across the country to try and identify individuals responsible
- Tonda: How many of the extra 1800 officers are in place? Given federal government's position to not talk to the protestors, what's the way out of this?
 - Continue to work with partners to figure out where these officers are coming from; RCMP and OPP have been supportive, as have police services across Ontario
 - Continue to work on dialogue, police liaison teams are working with organizers
 - Over 1300 traffic violations identified, working on criminal charges, absolutely a need to end this
- CP: would you actually be able to enforce any injunction with the extra officers requested
 - Takes 400 officers a day to manage current footprint
 - Need legal resources
 - Request for officers cover a variety of roles
- City news: q on staging areas – understand there are efforts to remove them, does OPS know how many staging areas are being used, what's being done to prevent the establishment of new staging areas
 - Working to gather intelligence, continuing to work with partners to bring intelligence info in to identify fuel depots, etc
 - As we learn about them, we will actively shut them down
- CTV Ottawa: mood among rank and file police, with a city full of people questioning if you can do your job, would extra 1800 officers be a morale booster?
 - Officers are tired, trying to take the city back, working in difficult conditions
 - Morale is a challenge

